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First Intermediate Period was a terrible rupture - a complete collapse of the kingdom. All the pyramids were looted, by organized bands of thieves in broad daylight.

The Temples were burned. There was widespread violence. A desperate famine took hold of the land. All of Upper Egypt was dying of

hunger, & at point were people ate their  
own children

2181 BC

Egypt

Old Kingdom ended

2181 BC  
~~2000 BC~~

Archaeologists have discovered (1995)  
a 4,000 yr old pyramid for a  
previously unknown queen at  
SAKKARA

QUEEN MERITITES

believed to be daughter or grand-  
daughter of Pharaoh Pepi I  
(who ruled in 6th Dynasty 2345-2181  
BC) & Queen was part of family

who ruled until about 2160 BC

Her name translates to "beloved of her father"

The queen's pyramid is dated to the 8th

Dynasty c. 2173 BC  $\rightarrow$  2160 BC

Queen Mentutet's pyramid is the  
97th uncovered in Egypt (1995)

C 2181 - C 2040 BC

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First Intermediate Period  
7th to 10th Dynasties  
According to Chronographies.

2180-2052BC

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First Intermediate  
Dynasties 7-11

Egypt

C 2180-1960 BC

Sumerian Calendar of NIPPUR  
was observed in 3rd Dynasty  
of UR (C 2180-1960 BC)  
This Cal. reckoned the year from the  
vernal equinox to the next, while  
counting the months from new  
moon to new moon, with an  
added month when this was needed  
to make up the discrepancy. These



lunar months were of 30 days' length except when a new moon occurred on the 30th day, in which case this would become the first day of the new month.

Until the Persian era astronomical observation was the primary means of determining Calendrical Periods, but thereafter, mathematical calculation became a sufficiently dependable method of determination.

2180 - 2130

Egypt  
First Intermediate period  
Dynasties VII, VIII, IX, X

2180 BC

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End of Akkadian Empire